## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to a powder paint composition comprising at least

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- (a) a thermosetting polymer having functional groups capable of reacting with  $\beta$ -hydroxyalkylamide units
- (b) a compound comprising  $\beta$ -hydroxyalkylamide units and
- (c) a deceleration agent, capable of reversibly blocking the functional groups of polymer (a).

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The deceleration agent is present in an amount sufficient to block at least 9 % of the total amount of functional groups of polymer (a)

The present invention relates also to the use of a specific amine compound as a deceleration agent in a powder paint composition.

